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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CONOM Memorandum

1. This paper is designed to meet a requirement of the Special Group. The general subject was previously discussed in an executive session of USIB. We understand that this and related papers will be considered at a Special Group meeting Thursday afternoon.

2. The paper was prepared on the basis of a State contribution. We encountered no serious substantive difficulties during coordination. However, we have called for a cleanup session tomorrow morning at which some changes will probably be agreed on.

3. Two procedural matters:

a. Format. We have prepared this paper in the form of a USIB memorandum rather than as an SHIS because of the especial sensitivity of the subject matter and the special

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handling required by the paper's classification. Attached is a draft cover memorandum. If satisfactory to you, we plan to make copies of this draft available to USIB members at the meeting.

b. Distribution. You may wish to raise this question with the USIB. We propose the following distribution outside CIA:

- 2 - General Taylor
- 3 - State (including a copy for Mr. Johnson)
- 3 - DIA (including a copy for Mr. Gilpatric)
- 2 - each to J-2, Army, Navy, Air Force
- 1 - each to NSA, AEC, FBI

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

SHANNAN KENT
Chairman

Attachment

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